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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 1994

(New York, 27 June-29 July 1994)

Week of 27 June-1 July

(High-level segment: 27-29 June)

Monday, 27 June

10 a.m.		Opening of the session
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system

Tuesday, 28 June

10 a.m.	Item 2	An agenda for development (Introduction and general discussion)
3 p.m.	Item 2	An agenda for development (continued)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2

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Wednesday, 29 June

10 a.m.	Item 2	An agenda for development (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 2	Conclusion of the high-level segment
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment (30 June-7 July)

Thursday 30 June

10 a.m.	Item 4	High-level meeting of the operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment (Introduction and general discussion)
3 p.m.	Item 4	High-level meeting of the operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment (concluded)

Friday, 1 July

10 a.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (Introduction and general discussion)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (continued)

Week of 4-8 July

Monday, 4 July — Holiday (United Nations closed)

Tuesday, 5 July

10 a.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (continued)

Wednesday, 6 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (continued)

Thursday, 7 July

10 a.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (concluded)

Coordination segment (8-13 July)

Friday, 8 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: (a) Science and technology for development (Introduction and general discussion)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3 (a)

Week of 11-15 July

Monday, 11 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment (a) Science and technology for development (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment (b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (Introduction and general discussion)

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3 (b)
Tuesday, 12 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment (b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (concluded)
Wednesday, 13 July		
10 a.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment (c) Implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to (i) the coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development
3 p.m.	Item 3	Coordination segment (c) Implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to (ii) the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3 (c) (i) and (ii)

General segment (14-27 July)

Thursday, 14 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 6	Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: a/ (c) Trade and development; (d) Food and agricultural development; (e) Transnational corporations; (h) Population questions; (i) Statistics; (j) Cartography; (l) Public administration and finance; (m) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (Introduction and general discussion)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 6 (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), (j), (l) and (m) (concluded)

Friday, 15 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 6	Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: (c) (d) (e) (h) (i) (j) (l) and (m) (concluded)

Week of 18-22 July

Monday, 18 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 6	Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: a/ (a) Sustainable development; (b) Cooperation in fisheries in Africa; (f) Natural resources; (g) Energy; (k) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (Introduction and general discussion)

a/ It is proposed that discussion on these items be held concurrently.

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 6 (a), (b), (f), (g) and (k)
Tuesday, 19 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 6	Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: (a) (b) (f) (g) and (k) (concluded)
Wednesday, 20 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 5	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: a/ (a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance; (f) Social development questions; (g) Crime prevention and criminal justice; (h) Narcotic drugs; (i) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction; (j) Cultural development; (k) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Introduction and general discussion)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5 (a), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k)
Thursday, 21 July		
10 a.m.	Item 5	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: (a), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 5	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: (e) Advancement of women (concluded) b/

b/ Except for consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and United Nations Development Fund for Women.

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5 (a) c/
Friday, 22 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 5	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: a/ (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; (c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; (d) Human rights questions (Introduction and general discussion)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 5 (b), (c) and (d)
Week of 25-29 July		
Monday, 25 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 5	Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: (b), (c) and (d) (concluded)
Following the conclusion of the discussion of items 5 (b), (c) and (d)		(e) Advancement of women (Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and United Nations Development Fund for Women

c/ Except for draft proposals on the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and United Nations Development Fund for Women.

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5 (e) d/
Tuesday, 26 July		
10 a.m.	Item 7	Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields
3 p.m.	Item 10	Non-governmental organizations
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 7 and 10
Wednesday, 27 July		
10 a.m.	Item 8	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories a/
	Item 9	Coordination questions: a/ (a) Reports of the coordination bodies; (b) International cooperation in the field of informatics; (c) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health
	Item 11	Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS a/
	Item 12	Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields a/
	Item 13	Question of declaring 1998 international year of the ocean a/
	Item 14	Question of declaring 1995 international year to observe the one thousandth anniversary of the Manas Epic a/
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14
Thursday, 28 July		To be determined

d/ Proposals concerning the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Friday, 29 July

10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding draft proposals
3 p.m.	Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 1994

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed programme of work for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 1994 is based this year on the recommendations addressed to the Secretary-General in the annex to General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and on Council decisions 1992/217 of 30 April 1992, 1994/215 of 3 February 1994 and 1994/218 of 4 February 1994. Other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Council have also been taken into account.*

The substantive session of the Council of 1994 will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 27 June to 29 July.

A. Plenary meetings

The session will open at 10 o'clock on Monday, 27 June. The Council will hold in plenary meeting, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 48/162, a high-level segment (27-29 June), an operational activities segment (30 June-7 July) and a coordination segment (8-13 July). A brief description of those segments is given below.

High-level segment (plenary) 27-29 June

The high-level segment, open to all Member States with ministerial participation, will be devoted to the consideration of the theme entitled "An agenda for development".

A one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation will take place during this segment on 27 June. In this context, heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system are invited to participate actively in this dialogue and discuss matters of mutual interest with a view to building areas of understanding.

During the three-day period, heads of delegations will be requested to make no more than three interventions of no longer than five minutes each and will be requested to circulate their main statement beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with the media will be organized for heads of delegation who so desire it.

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* See also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989 as well as 1994/201, 1994/202, 1994/203, 1994/204 and 1994/205 of 3 February 1994.

Throughout the segment, the President of the Council is expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progress and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue.

The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment will be presented to the Council in the form of a summary by the President of the Council.

It is proposed that the list of speakers for the high-level segment be closed on 28 June at 6 p.m.

Operational activities segment (30 June-7 July)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162 and in order to improve the quality and impact of the operational activities of the United Nations and to promote an integrated approach in this field, this segment shall provide coordination and guidance so as to ensure that the policies formulated by the Assembly, particularly during the triennial policy review of operational activities, are appropriately implemented on a system-wide basis. The work of the operational activities segment would include a high-level meeting, open to all Member States in accordance with Article 69 of the Charter, including ministerial participation, to provide an opportunity for policy makers to engage in broad consultations on international development cooperation. The outcome of this segment shall be reflected, inter alia, in the adoption of decisions and resolutions. In accordance with Council decision 1994/215, the high-level meeting of the operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment will take place on 30 June and the operational activities segment will be held from 1 to 7 July.

Coordination segment (8-13 July)

The coordination segment will be devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Two themes were selected for this session by the Council in its decision 1994/202:

(a) Science and technology for development;

(b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Executive heads of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system invited to take part in the discussion will be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand.

The segment will begin with précis presentations of the statements of the executive heads most concerned with the subject-matter. They will be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions,

including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level.

Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented at the Council will be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion.

In its decision 1993/205, the Council also decided that the coordination segment would reach agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various parts of the United Nations system for implementation.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 48/162, the Secretary-General is requested to inform the Council at its following substantive session of steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to these recommendations. The Council will have before it two reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to the emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development and the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

General segment (14-27 July)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Economic and Social Committees of the Council shall be subsumed into the plenary as of 1994. Thus, the Council shall supervise the activities of its subsidiary bodies by considering and taking appropriate action on their reports and recommendations in the general segment.

The general segment shall be so organized as to recognize the distinction between economic and social issues as reflected in the provisional agenda. In its consideration of the reports of its subsidiary bodies, the Council shall concentrate on the conclusions and the adoption of recommendations and shall refrain from duplicating the substantive debate already held. The general segment will be held from 14 to 27 July 1994.

The reports before this segment will be arranged in clusters, as appropriate, for consideration; discussions are to be decision-oriented, focusing on specific recommendations and issues, and are not to involve a general debate.

At its organizational session for 1994, the Council, in connection with the questions for consideration at its substantive session, inter alia, decided:

(a) To consider at its substantive session of 1994 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its fortieth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the report of the Board on the first part of its forty-first session;

(b) To authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1994.

Availability of conference services

The attention of the Council is drawn to the following conference-servicing aspects of the substantive session:

(a) During the first weeks of the meeting (27 June-13 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings (one meeting in the morning and one meeting in the afternoon). As of 14 July (General segment) interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meeting and supplementary interpretation facilities (i.e., one additional meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon) will be at the disposal of the Council;

(b) There is no provision for conference services for night meetings during the session;

(c) Beyond the conference services allocated to the Council (see subparagraph (a) above), no additional services will be available for informal consultations or for regional or group meetings. In the event of scheduled meetings being cancelled, it is anticipated that these services could be made available for such consultations;

(d) Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue its practice concerning statements in exercise of the right of reply, namely, that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item, that the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, and that the first intervention be limited to five minutes and the second intervention be limited to three minutes.